



Quarterly Report

FOURTH QUARTER FY 2010

Nov. 2010

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), a federal stimulus program passed by Congress in February 2009 to reinvigorate the economy and diminish the recession's impact on the American people, continues to be a valuable tool for cities to revitalize their communities and help those whom the economic downturn has affected most. Arlington was awarded with \$18,587,313 to be implemented in nine separate areas ranging from energy efficiency programs to combating narcotics trafficking. In the fourth quarter of FY2010, the fifth reporting period for the ARRA, many of these programs are beginning to have a noticeable impact in local communities.

The City strives to maximize transparency so that citizens can see exactly where and how these tax payer dollars are being spent. Arlington will continue to track and report spending and job creation statistics resulting from these grants.

Quarterly spending reports are posted at www.arlingtontx.gov/recovery/index.html along with stories of recent milestones and achievements. The City of Arlington continues to work to maximize the impact and benefit that these funds will generate.

Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant

Included in Arlington's EECBG-ARRA application was funding to pilot vehicle idle reduction technology consistent with the EECBG's Development and Implementation of Transportation programs and other activities. The City of Arlington is utilizing eight idle reduction battery units for city vehicles, including a Police patrol car, a Police Public Service Assistant truck, the Public Works Loop Trailer, a Parks and Recreation Bucket Truck, and Code Enforcement and Parks and Recreation pickup trucks. The Water Department is also piloting the same technology in several of its heavy fleet vehicles, funded by an NCTCOG grant.

This idle reduction technology is a battery unit produced in Austin, Texas that is mounted on the vehicle. It contains a dry, non hazardous, solid state cell that is 98% recyclable. These batteries allow for the function of on-board and ancillary equipment, with the exception of the heater and air conditioning, while the engine is not running. This allows computers, safety light bars, even power tools which can be



Energy efficient bucket truck

plugged into the unit, to work, without the negative side effect of an idling engine. The anti-idling units have the potential to maximize resources available for the City of Arlington by reducing fuel and fueling needs, saving on fuel costs, reducing green house gas emissions, and saving wear and tear on the vehicles. By using a variety of fleet vehicles that serve in various operational function, the City is comparing where the greatest saving can be found and the largest impacts to emission reduction can be made should addition funding be secured in the future to expand the program.

Other milestones achieved in this quarter include:

- **CDBG-R** - The professional engineering services firm has completed a land survey, a master plan, preliminary design plans, and construction documents for the neighborhood infrastructure project.
- **Southern Border Enforcement** - The Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE) unit continues to work the Arlington highway system with primary emphasis on intercepting contraband and apprehending criminals. Several traffic stops have yielded contraband and arrests in the current reporting period. The DHE unit also continues to foster partnerships and enhance existing relationships with local, state, and federal agencies.
- **COPS** – As a part of the City's Community Law Enforcement Partnerships work we are partnering with the community to identify, prioritize, and respond to neighborhood problems through community meetings, groups, surveys and/or collaborating with local government agencies, non-profits and local businesses.
- **Handitran** - The City's Handitran program increased the third party contracted fleet of taxi cabs from 9 to 10 vehicles and provided an additional 2306 passenger trips to its clients.

- **HPRP** - Funds have been obligated through seven sub-recipient contracts for homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) implementation, and administrative activities that began October 1, 2009. The program is currently providing case management and direct financial assistance including short-term rent, medium-term rent, security and utility deposits, utility payments, and motel/hotel vouchers to enable program participants to regain housing stability.

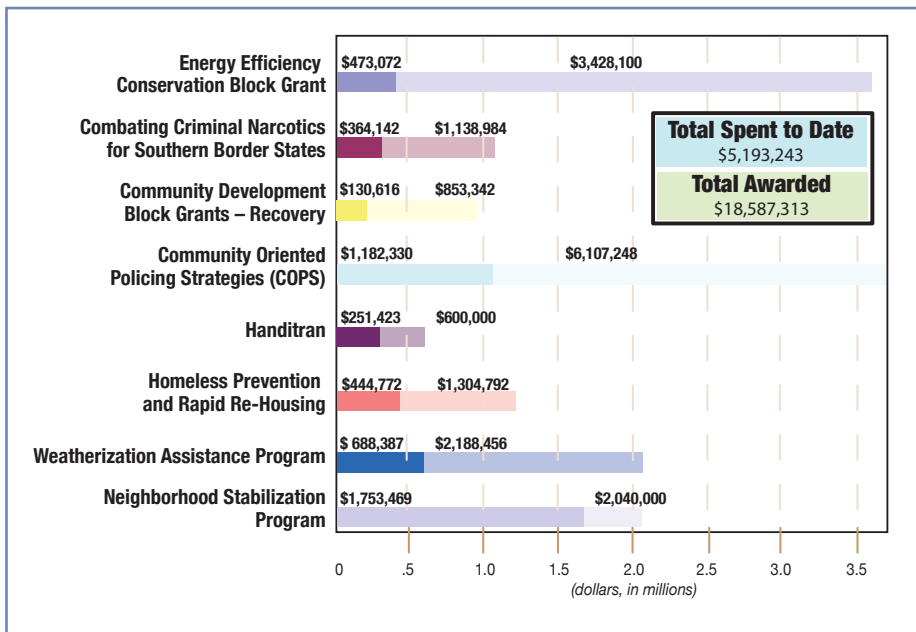
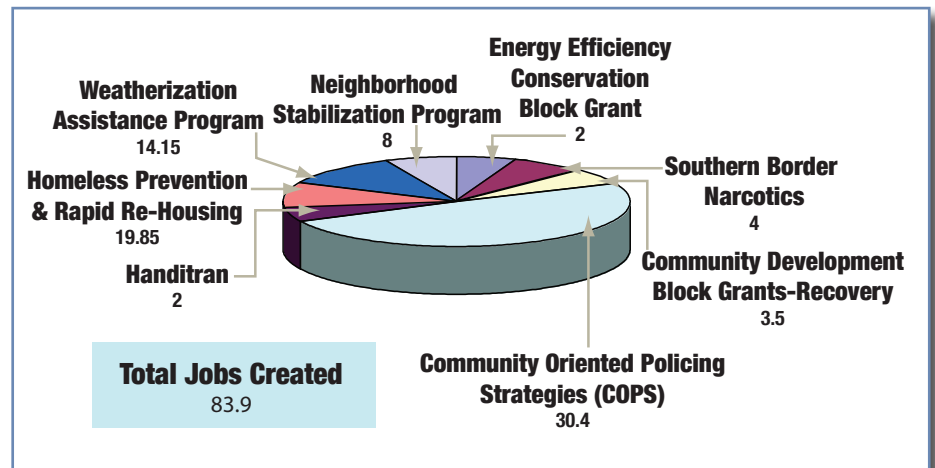
- **NSP** - A ribbon-cutting ceremony held on November 8, 2010 celebrated another victory in homeownership by a qualified homebuyer through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The new proud home owner, Maria Guzman and her family of four, became the 28th Arlington family to benefit from this federally funded program endorsed by Congress and administered by the Arlington Housing Authority for the City of Arlington.

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Work on the new neighborhood infrastructure projects should begin, improving the lives of over 6,000 residents and giving low-income individuals access to construction jobs. The transportation services program, Ride2Work, also should be underway, connecting low-income residents with better jobs through improved access to transportation. Work funded through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program will to continue to address vacant

homes by remodeling them and making them accessible to citizens who otherwise might not be able to secure housing. Construction on projects funded by the Energy Efficiency Block Grant program will also commence during the first quarter of FY 2011.

More information on the Arlington ARRA funding can be found at www.arlingtontx.gov/recovery/index.html.



- ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- EECBG – Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants
- CDBG-R – Community Development Block Grants-Recovery
- Byrne JAG – Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- COPS – Community Oriented Policing Strategies
- DOJ Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States – Department of Justice Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States